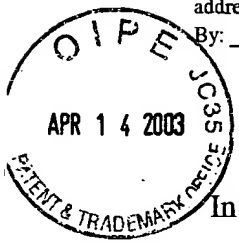


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RESPONSE TO EXAMINER COMMUNICATION

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Examiner Communication dated March 3, 2003, setting a response time of One Month or Thirty Days, whichever is longer.

REMARKS

On December 26, 2002, Applicants filed a Restriction Requirement Response (paper No. 10), in reply to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement mailed on December 2, 2002. Applicant's Response was found to be not fully responsive, for the reasons that: (1) Applicants elected, with traverse, to prosecute Groups X-XII (see page 5 at line 6 of said Response), but then erroneously stated that Groups X-XII included and were drawn to claims 10, 30-31, 33, 35-42, and 51-52; and (2) Applicants allegedly failed to elect a single invention Group for prosecution.

With respect to the Examiner's first allegation, Applicants' attorney has examined the Response filed on December 26th, and has made corrections to that Response so as to elect Groups IV-VI. See the "Substitute Response to Restriction Requirement Under 35 U.S.C. 121 which accompanies this Response.